Amendments to the Claims:

  This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) An authentication method comprising the steps of:

  generating a first security context in response to a first user authentication;

  generating a second security context in response to a second user authentication, wherein said second security context is an aggregate of said first security context and a security context corresponding to an identity in said second user authentication.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of saving said first security context.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein said step of saving said first security context comprises the step of pushing said first security context on a stack.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of receiving a user logoff.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 further comprising the step of destroying said second security context in response to said step of receiving said user logoff.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of reverting to said first security context in response to a user logoff, wherein said first security context is then used to access security protected resources by a user who issued the user logoff.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said step of reverting to said first security context comprises the step of popping said first security context off of a stack.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of determining an access permission in response to said second security context.

9-24. (Cancelled)